

Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA) Meeting
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA)
South Grand Building, Conf. Rooms 1K & 1L
333 S. Grand Avenue; Lansing Michigan 48933
Public Meeting 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Executive Committee Meeting Noon – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, February 15, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wishart called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Bomberg to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CSA ROLL CALL

The Commission roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

CSA MEMBERS PRESENT

Dona Wishart, Matthew Adeyanju, Mark Bomberg, Renee Cortright, John Briggs, Joan Ilardo, Kathleen LaTosch, Peter Lichtenberg, Amy Tripp, Michael Sheehan, Jean Hall, and Kristie Zamora.

CSA MEMBERS ABSENT (excused)

Nancy Duncan, Laura Newsome, and Linda Strohl

AASA STAFF PRESENT

Richard Kline, Scott Wamsley, Phil Lewis, Carolyn Harden, Kelly Cooper, Shirley Bentsen, Cynthia Farrell, Sherri King, Laura McMurtry, Teri Muniz, Becky Payne, Miranda Pearson, Rachel Richards, and Sally Steiner

VISITORS/GUESTS PRESENT

None

APPROVAL OF CSA AGENDA

Commissioner Wishart requested a motion to approve the CSA agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sheehan to approve the agenda. Commissioner Tripp seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CSA MINUTES

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to approve December 21, 2018, CSA minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cortright to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ilardo seconded the motion. This motion was approved as amended with a voice vote, amendments are as follows: correct spelling of Mark Bomberg, hyphenate Swanson-Aprill and change page two, paragraph five, line four "invited to do so soon.

Public Comments

No public comments.

CSA CHAIR REPORT

– State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) Update Report

Commissioner/Chair Wishart moved to hear from the Chair of the State Advisory Council, Kristie Zamora to give the State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC) update.

Commissioner Zamora reported that the SAC is making progress with the 2019 research charge and AASA staff joined the January CSA Advocacy Committee conference call to discuss the SAC charge and alignment with the CSA committees that are already working on these issues. There was great feedback and direction and it will be shared with the SAC's four workgroups. Commissioner Zamora added that Lauren Swanson-Aprill has worked very hard on this issue adding that she had all four workgroups join in on a conference call meeting and have submitted their minutes. Following, a "Survey Monkey" has been drafted and will be sent out soon to the AAA directors for distribution to the appropriate AAA staff. The SAC will be asking to receive responses by mid-March and the results will be shared during the SAC in-person meeting in March or April.

Commissioner Zamora reported the next SAC Meeting will be held on March 21, 2019, and they are working on speakers that have been recommended for that meeting. Zamora added that transportation will be the topic during the meeting and a CSA Commissioner will be asked to attend the meeting to give an update on the CSA activities.

Commissioner Zamora thanked Shirley Bentsen for having a SAC member participate on the Senior Volunteer of the Year selection committee.

Commissioner Wishart gave a brief history to the new CSA members about CSA members attending the SAC meetings and asked for the rotating of a member of the Commission to attend the SAC meetings throughout the year. Commissioner LaTosch indicated that she planned to attend the next SAC meeting to discuss the advocacy charge.

Commissioner Hall requested a copy of the survey questions for her review and Commissioner Zamora indicated that she would share them with her. Commissioner Zamora also shared SAC members' thanks and well wishes to Richard Kline in his new job.

Advocacy Committee Report Educational Packet Review (B)

Commissioner LaTosch reported on three items; the governor brief that has been finalized and approved at the last meeting, wait list updates, and the invitation of Commissioner Ilardo to discuss the Institute on Public Policy and Social Research update.

Commissioner LaTosch indicated that Phil Lewis added that he emailed the aging brief through MDHHS legislative services to all the members of the legislature and to the Governor's policy person directly, and to over 400 engaged individuals in the aging network and to the AASA's website. Commissioner Hall asked this to also be shared with the congressional delegation.

Commissioner LaTosch reported that CSA authorized the formation of a work group with multiple stakeholders to review the challenges of the wait lists throughout the state adding that Scott Wamsley is very busy assisting wait list group development. Several meetings have been scheduled to tackle key complex issues and to help formulate emerging items. The goal is to have recommendations for actions to reduce wait list for home delivered meals and for in home services.

Commissioner Ilardo reported on the MSU Institute for Public Policy and Social Research adding that monthly forums (with the exemption of summer months) are held targeting legislators and for individuals who work on policy within state government on various topics but added that the largest group registered was the forum discussion on Aging and the value that seniors add and how to keep seniors in Michigan and we should be developing programming in Michigan. Ilardo added for more information visit the IPSER website.

Intra State Funding Formula Committee Update Report (C)

Commissioner Sheehan reporting on the Intra State Funding Formula's next steps. Adding that Wednesday, February 20, 2019, conference call has been scheduled between himself and several University of Michigan individuals called "Stat Com", adding they are part of the University of Michigan's Department of Public Health and are top notch in their field. This will be a review of the Intra State Funding Formula, there are 16 regions in the State and that same formula is applied to all 16 regions when federal funds come in regarding disbursement. Sheehan added the results are different due to the varying population components. There are four components; how many over the age of 50, how many over the age of 60 with 150 percent of poverty, how many are identified as minority, and how many square miles are in your region, this being the most contentious due to the variance of population vs. region.

Sheehan reported that the U of M statistical team will be conducting a survey with the supervision of tenured faculty to review the mentioned formula to see if this is a fair formula but specifically, with the fourth formula as the others are federally mandated, and to be sure that we are in line with the other 49 states. Sheehan noted that we may use this confidential data as we deem fit and that he will provide this to the CSA when it is available.

Commissioner Lichtenberg recommended to be sure that the group archives the basic data so that different areas can run their numbers with the data that is provided.

Commissioner Ilardo suggested that they would be willing to retrospectively run various scenarios of the formula to see some trending etc., to see if this formula would have a significant impact.

Commissioner Wishart made a few informal comments at this time including thanks to Richard Kline for his work at AASA and guidance to the CSA and SAC during his tenure at the AASA.

AASA SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Richard Kline reported that he will be leaving his position as the AASA Senior Deputy Director effective March 2019 and gave a brief update on AASA staff changes that will be coming under the direction of the new Governor. Kline opined that DHHS will be split into

three departments forming three chief deputy areas; health, human services, and administrative, (AASA will fall under health portion). Kline reported that Information and Technology within DHHS budget is lacking the funds to continue all the systems that are being currently run. Kline added that they restructured portions of the Business Integrative Center (BIC) and created an executive steering committee, which includes all DHHS and DTMB's chief deputies and deputies to discuss what systems are most important and to help prioritize what is most important, what is existing, and what possible solutions can be made. Kline reported that the AIS system has been prioritized as a top priority with funding and the My AIMS project is funded through March. Kline added that the Governor wants every state agency to have a diverse equity and inclusion officer.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Phil Lewis gave an update on the State of the State address, which focused on road funding, auto insurance, and the governor continued her call for unity with the legislative branch. Lewis added that more information about her priorities will be available when she presents her budget presentation in March. Lewis indicated that our agency was approached by the House Families, Children, and Seniors committee to discuss the aging network, specifically what our agency does, what the AAA's do, and how we serve older adults. AASA will present to the committee next week and the Area Agencies on Aging Association will also present after to give a local perspective.

Lewis reported that Representative Crawford is the chair of this committee, noting that she has a lot of experience with seniors and senior-related issues. Lewis indicated that AASA's presentation is currently being reviewed by MDHHS and the Governor's office. Lewis recapped the Senate's Advice and Consent hearing was held for the newly-appointed director Robert Gordon and indicated that there were several questions regarding his background and experience, but that he will be brought back for additional questions at a later date.

Lewis indicated that AASA is also on the steering committee for the Dementia Coalition and that the coalition's announcement/rollout will be on Older Michiganians Day in May.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Scott Wamsley provided a handout of the AASA Quarterly Grant & Services Expenditure Report for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2019. The report was the period October 1st, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Mr. Wamsley provided an overview the report. Overall, the federal expenditures are on track. Once pending congregate and in-homes meals transfers are approved later in the year, nutrition expenditures will be near 25 percent of allocations. Expenditures of federal funds for the 1st quarter were on track largely due to a full year federal budget for FY 2019 and timely federal grant awards.

Wamsley reported that expenditures of state funds are at approximately 24 percent and are on target for the first quarter. Wamsley also reported he has no concerns regarding expenditure rates for the senior volunteer programs and other special programs, as well. Overall, no other concerns as grants are on track for the first quarter expenditures.

The CSA to a comfort break at 10:17 a.m. and resumed business at 10:36 a.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part A)

Diversity in Dementia Care Project: Approval for New FY 19 Allocations, Sally Steiner, AASA Staff

Sally Steiner made request for approval for funding allocation for the Diversity in Dementia Care funds for year two as presented in the memo and gave a brief overview of the DDC project.

Commissioner Briggs moved the request.

Commissioner Bomberg seconded the request.

A roll call vote was taken and was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Part B)

Developing Dementia Dexterity (DDD) Sally Steiner, AASA Staff

Sally Steiner made request for the Developing Dementia Dexterity year two carry-over funds for 2019, approval to amend the current contract to add the carry-over amount to the grantees. Adding this change to the memo presented.

Commissioner Sheehan moved the request.

Commissioner Cortright seconded the request.

Informational Items

Financial Exploitation: The Dark Side of Financial Capacity Assessment
Presented by Commissioner Peter Lichtenberg, Ph.D.

Commissioner Zamora reported that Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson released a press release on Jobs and Public Health as top on the agenda (press release given at the meeting).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jean Hall will be serving on the Senior Citizen of the Year Award Committee on the CSA's behalf. The next Commission on Services to the Aging meeting will tentatively be held at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 15, 2019, at the Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency in the South Grand Building located at 333 S. Grand Avenue in Lansing in Conference Rooms 1K and 1L on the first floor.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wishart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Adeyanju. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ilardo. This motion was approved unanimously with a voice vote.

Commissioner Wishart adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM.